

December 5, 2001

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing in regards to the recent Microsoft antitrust settlement, and the attempts to hold long hearings of within the Judiciary Committee. Due to legislative time constraints and the current recession, absolutely no more action should be taken at the federal level. I personally don't think that this case should have ever reared its ugly head in the first place. This lawsuit has been perpetuated for the last three years; it is a waste of the government's time and money that could be used on more critical priorities in these disheartening times.

Microsoft's products were -- and are -- both practical and satisfying to their customers. The only complaints toward Microsoft were coming from their competitors. Now, as much as I do not believe that this case should NOT have happened, the settlement continues represents a mutually fair and reasonable outcome. In fact, a court-appointed mediator and small armies of lawyers negotiated the agreement, yet again emphasizing the point about wasted government time and money.

I implore you not to pursue any more litigation, or, for that matter, any further action at all. Please lay this case to rest. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I think this country is getting "sue" crazy!

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